

Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council

| Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 27 th September 2018 at 7.30 pm at The Village Hall, Filkins | |
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| 47/19 | <p><u>Present</u> Cllr Irwin-Singer (Chairman), Cllr Robbins, Cllr Tridgell, Cllr Jones, Cllr Ford</p> |
| 48/19 | <p>Open Forum 48.1 Reports from District & County Councillors None 48.2 Adjournment for Public Participation None</p> |
| 49/19 | <p>49.1 Apologies for Absence Cllr N Walsh</p> <p>49.2 Declarations of Pecuniary, Personal and Prejudicial Interest None</p> |
| 50/19 | <p>Appointment of Clerk Cris Hoad was appointed as the Clerk for Filkins & Broughton Poggs Parish Council</p> |
| 51/19 | <p>Minutes 51.1 Minutes of the meeting 10th July were accepted.</p> <p>51.2 Matters arising: Cllr Irwin-Singer has received an email from Trish Poole who is unhappy with the accuracy of the minutes of paragraph 19/19 concerning The Paddock discussions. Cllr Irwin Singer is satisfied they are accurate. All Councillors agreed they are a true and accurate record and there was no reason to amend. Minutes were signed</p> |
| 52/19 | <p>External Liaison 52.1 Meeting with Ernest Cook Trust, – Cllrs Walsh and Irwin-Singer had met Michael Birnie, property Director for the ECT. Cllr Irwin Singer reported the Ernest Cook Trust is mainly involved in educational projects. If the village or PC have any projects of a broadly educational nature in the future the ECT might help with funding. There is a narrow channel to qualify but we can approach them.</p> <p>As an educational Charity it works with the children of farmers. It has various developments nationwide which means it has more income at the moment to put into its charitable work. For the past 30-40 years, the ECT has managed landed estates promoting education and learning from the land. It uses its assets to produce an income sensitively in order to increase its charitable work. 33,000 children have been helped/informed this year through its work such as at forest schools where the curriculum is taught outdoors. It has 5 or 6 cottages in Filkins and is just about to renovate Greystones, plus 500 acres of farmland and the Cotswold Woollen Weavers. Jeremy suggested meeting infrequently to discuss matters of mutual concern. He talked about the hadge ground and where exactly it transfers from PC land to ECT land. Michael said he could help us with that. Jeremy mentioned the two families had memorial benches installed and agreed with ECT. He mentioned that the Trumans’ wanted to plant a tree and Michael said for them to get in touch with him directly over that.</p> |

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| | <p>Re the bund, Jeremy told him about the recent meeting with the WODC floods officer and on the advice given that it would be good not to have cattle grazing near it, but possibly sheep. We were going to cut the grass on top of it and then there would be another inspection in 2019 when we might need to do some remedial work. The ECT and WODC and to a lesser extent the PC had paid for the first bund. Michael said the land was tenanted by Andrew Cripps and they would talk to him about the sheep/cattle etc. Cllr Irwin Singer has forwarded him the notes from the meeting with the WODC flood officer. Now the line of communication is open a follow up meeting will take place in approx. 6 months by which time there may be some ideas or projects for funding.</p> <p>52.2 RAF Local Consultation. Cllr Ford's report attached as Appendix A.</p> <p>52.3 Traffic report & Speed Surveys. Cllr Ford's report attached as Appendix B. We now have some raw data showing we have much greater volumes of traffic than other surrounding villages. The task of the Traffic group, armed with the data, will now be to raise the problems of the B4477 with OCC.</p> <p>52.4 WODC Code of Conduct meeting was attended by Cllr Tridgell and the Clerk. The Code remains unchanged but the highlight was on declaring an interest on items on the agenda especially planning.</p> <p>52.5 PC surgeries – Cllr Tridgell was waiting for dates from Councillors on availability. Cllr Irwin Singer and Cllr Ford are attending a WODC meeting on 29th October so will hold a surgery together that evening in the village hall committee room.</p> | |
| 53/19 | <p>Planning & Cemetery</p> <p>53.1 18/01601/HHD Faircroft, Filkins – approved</p> <p>53.2 18/00974/HHD The Granary, Filkins – approved</p> <p>53.3 18/00975/LBC 1 Saxons Close, Filkins – approved</p> <p>53.4 18/02531/LBC Stable Cottage, Filkins – under consideration (retrospective)</p> <p>53.5 18/02782/HHD Tallet Cottage, Filkins – under consideration. Large extension of 50sq ft single to double storey and extension to back of property.</p> <p>53.6 Planning Policy – Clerk has drafted the Planning Policy to articulate what we already do. Cllr Irwin Singer proposed we accepted and seconded by Cllr Tridgell. It will be reviewed in 6 months. It will be published with other PC material on the village website.</p> | |
| 54/19 | <p>Finance</p> <p>54.1 Clerk circulated list of cheques paid and to be signed since the last meeting and account balances. This was agreed and cheques signed. The new current account is now open for the Village Centre so a cheque has been raised for £12,002.57 to transfer the balance of Village Centre monies into the new account. All future payments for the Centre will be made from this account. Clerk has placed order with RBL for the wreath for Filkins.</p> <p>54.2 Village Centre repairs - Cllr Irwin Singer and Clerk will discuss the quotes for repairs to be carried out. This will include all items noted as within 12 months on the survey. Quotes will be brought to the December meeting for discussion.</p> | |

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| | <p>54.3 Refurbishment of village changing rooms and toilets: Cllr Robbins brought the revised plan from Chris Carter to the meeting. The new layout was agreed. The next step is to have this drawn up and tender for quotes. Cllr Robbins will undertake this.</p> <p>Funding 54.4 Public Works Loan Board permission will be applied for after quotes have been received. Clerk is working with Charlie Payne, who is applying for grants. When the quotes and proposed funding are finalised, a decision will be made on the amount of the loan needed for PC spending in line with the 3-year financial plan.</p> <p>54.5 Clerk has received notification from Dixon Ward, who administer the Hayes Palmer Trust, that there is £5,728 available for distribution. Councillors agreed that £5k will be applied for towards the Village Centre works.</p> | |
| 55/19 | <p>Matters Relating to Parish Council and Village Centre matters</p> <p>55.1 War Memorial – Cllr Jones updated work was timetabled, dependant on weather work commitments, to start on 10th September. It is now scheduled to start on 1st October. The benches will be sent to the sandblaster. Stones will be taken up, roots from the trees removed, stones relayed or if damaged replaced. Original quote was for £2.9k this should cost £1k. Cllr Jones also raised the issue of the WW1 silhouettes. Clerk advised these were offered to all Parishes and should have been brought to their attention some months ago. Cllr Jones will approach and see if we are able to place one in Filkins. The work is expected to be completed before Remembrance Sunday.</p> <p>55.2 Trees of Remembrance Project- The Woodland Trust are offering saplings of native trees for all Parishes to plant to commemorate the Centenary of WW1. Clerk was asked to find out what trees these would be. If successful we could place it on the green at the Gassons to replace the one that fell down.</p> <p>55.3 Gassons Allotments - Cllr Irwin Singer to meet with WODC and discuss the allotment lease renewal. He will be asking to renew the lease as all the allotments are now let.</p> <p>55.4 Grass cutting Bund has been cut by Cllr Robbins, Cllr Jones and Ian Grey. Thanks to them. Cllr Jones will discuss future grass cutting with Chris Maunder and obtain quotes where necessary. He has completed map of areas to be considered.</p> <p>55.5 Playground – Swings have been replaced by Cllr Jones and Robbins. The old swings were taken away. Cllr Jones will source a new back board for the basketball net with a sign. Jim Cover to be approached on his offer of man power to repair/upgrade the timber surrounds of the bark. Disclaimer notice was discussed. Slide also needs to be welded and painted. The fencing along the kickabout field is also in need of replacing and would be advantageous if we could insert a 5 bar gateway. He would also like to plough and reseed the area to make it more usable. Cllr Robbins would like the Council to consider extending the area. Andrew Cripps no longer uses it for cattle and we could approach ECT on extending the area by 15/20m.</p> | |
| 56/19 | <p>Website Cllr Tridgell will populate the pages on the website with PC material and information.</p> | |
| 57/19 | <p>Items for Information</p> | |

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| | <p>57.1 Clerk reported to the Council that the Local Plan has now been adopted by WODC. This should stop the speculative housing applications.</p> <p>57.2 CAONB- is in the process of researching making our area into a National Park. They will look to extend it out to Kelmscott as it has significant historic interest, therefore, it will include Filkins and Broughton Poggs. If they succeed in the National Park, which my take 5-10 years on the back of that they will look to extend the AONB.</p> <p>57.3 Water Day – Cllr Jones will attend.</p> <p>57.4 Cllr Tridgell asked if we would schedule another walk round. Cllr Irwin Singer will circulate dates.</p> <p>57.5 Community led Plan – It was agreed Cllr Tridgell will represent the Council and liaise with Richard Martin who has offered to do some investigative work and possibly convene a village meeting to get the process further forward.</p> <p>57.6 Cllr Irwin Singer reported that correspondence had been received concerning the swimming pool over the Summer. This will be considered at the next meeting.</p> | |
| 58/19 | <p>Future Meetings Next meetings will take place on 6th December and 6th February 2019</p> | |

APPENDIX A

Report on RAF Brize Norton Local Consultation

APPENDIX B

Report from Traffic Group and Speed Surveys